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THE CENTENNIAL.

THE celebration which has been appointed to take place in this city on the 4th of July, 1876, will be in many respects the most remarkable festival the world has ever seen. What other nation has a birthday to celebrate? or what nation can point back to such a century of national life and growth as that which will close for the United States of America five brief years hence? A great experiment has been tried, and, despite all the acknowledged imperfections of our political system, it has been a success. Not merely have the people of the United States prospered under a republican form of government, but their example has been most potent in inspiring changes in the long-established order of things in the Old World which cannot but affect in an extraordinary manner the whole future of the human race. The word "liberty" now has a meaning to the great mass of the people of Europe which it certainly did not have a century ago, and even in far-distant Japan the last few years have seen the breaking up of a feudal system which had endured for centuries, and the commencement of a reform which will probably revolutionize the whole of Asia. Our republic has not succeeded without passing through a dreadful ordeal which threatened its very existence, but that it did succeed in crushing the gigantic rebellion of the slaveowners has demonstrated to the world that a free government may also be a strong one, when there is a necessity for the exhibition of strength, and has raised the United States to the position of a first-class power which other nations admire, respect and fear.

The centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion. The whole world will be invited to rejoice with us, and the celebration will attract thousands of curious and interested visitors from every quarter of the globe. A grand exposition of the world's industry has been fixed upon as the proper method of honoring the completion of the first century of our national life; and this city, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and where still stands Carpenters' Hall and the old State House, will be the place where the exposition will be held. The whole expense of preparing for the exposition of 1876 has, through the petty meanness of Congress, been thrown upon Pennsylvania and Philadelphia: but we are able to bear the burden, if necessary, and will endeavor to make such preparations that there will be no occasion to say that the citizens of Philadelphia, at least, did not do their part towards making the national anniversary a brilliant success.

The work of preparation for the great

exposition, however, is one of magnitude, and the time is none too long for the task to be performed. Governor Geary yesterday appointed Messrs. W. J. Horstmann and Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, and Mr. William Phillips, of Pittsburg, as State Commissioners from Pennsylvania to cooperate with the other State commissions and the national commission in making preparations for the centennial celebration, and he also recommended that the Legislature should make a liberal appropriation. This the Legislature should do, and it should also take such other action in the matter as will facilitate the preparations about to be commenced. The city of Philadelphia, however, is particularly interested in the success the exhibition, and the most active interest should be displayed in it by all classes in the community. It will be a great thing to have the centennial anniversary celebrated here, and it is better to commence at once to prepare for it and to prepare thoroughly, than to leave some of the most important matters to the last moment. Our merchants, manufacturers, and the representatives of all the industries which constitute the greatness of Philadelphia, owe it to themselves to take public action at as early a day as possible towards promoting the success of the centennial, and committees and sub-committees should be formed without further delay, so that the whole machinery may be got into operation, and the great enterprise fairly started. Few persons have any adequate idea of the magnitude of the work to be performed in preparing for such a celebration as it is proposed to hold here; and as ample official notice of the intention to hold a grand international exposition must be sent to every part of the habitable globe, the sooner a commencement is made the bet-

THE REVOLT IN PARIS. ONE of the most serious grievances complained of by the leaders of the Parisian revolt is the removal of the French Assembly to Versailles; and yet the necessity of that removal is fully demonstrated by the revolutionary outbreak. It is extremely doubtful whether a republic can ever be permanently established in France, unless some other and smaller city than Paris is selected as the capital. It is an old trick of the Parisian mobs to overawe the National Assembly, and thus to compel it to adopt, as the legal embodiment of the will of a mighty people, the crazy decisions of Jacobin clubs or of Communist phalanxes. To insure the power of exercising similar terrorism in future, the insurgent leaders have made an insolent de-

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mand that the present National Assembly | must return to Paris by the 23d instant (tomorrow), and accompanied this demand by the threat that if such a removal is not made the National Guard will march to Versailles and disperse the representatives of the whole nation. Meanwhile Paris resounds with threats that the National Guard will shoot M. Thiers, who has been legally selected as the head of the new national government; and a distinct issue seems to be formed whether the violent men of Paris shall rule France, or whether all her citizens shall have a fair opport unity ... celiberate and decide upon the

tat questry (which affect their welfare. ith the selfish, unreasoning, rampant, and sanguinary Red Republicanism that makes such unreasonable demands at a moment when the Thiers Government is embarrassed by manifold difficulties and dangers arising from the German invasion, Americans, who unite with their love of liberty an equal love of law and order, can have no sympathy. Some of the insurgent chiefs have issued a proclamation declaring that "what is most wanted now is order in liberty and by liberty," but their followers have not even a faint conception of the true method of gaining this end; and their recent actions indicate that local disorders would destroy any true French republic that made Paris its capital.

It may be that out of the existing evil good will come, by arousing the hostility of the provinces to Parisian domination. The leading capitals in the United States were purposely fixed at comparatively obscure towns and cities to avoid difficulties like those which now endanger the French Government; and the fact that such a danger was worthy of serious consideration in this country proves that it possesses fearful magnitude in France.

In the existing conflict the greatest difficulties that the new government is obliged to contend with are the comparative tardiness of the provinces in marshalling troops to sustain their representatives, and the wonderful celerity with which the Parisians act when their pride or their passions are enkindled. It is said that the released prisoners of Metz and Sedan are offering their services to the new Government, but it is not certain that full reliance can be placed upon their fidelity; and the course of future events will depend largely upon the readiness and zeal displayed by the peop'e of the provinces and provincial towns in support of their representatives. The immediate contest is not between Republicanism, Bonapartism, and Bourbonism, but between Paris and all other portions of France, and if this issue is decided in favor of the nation, as a whole, a great point will be grined for rational republicanism.

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. THE Governor in his last annual message urged in a very forcible manner the importance and necessity of a thorough geological survey of the State, and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives some time ago reported a bill to authorize such a survey. The Legislature, however, has been too busy with commission bills and other matters of a similar character to give this subject the attention it deserves. It is understood that one reason why the Legislature hesitates to authorize the survey is because it will cost a considerable sum of money. A strange objection, truly, when we consider the thousand and one schemes put money in the pockets of a few individuals which are hotly advocated at every session; but then the ideas of Pennsylvania legislators are peculiar, and as there is no money to be made directly out of a geological survey, its importance is not apparent to the average legislative mind. A geological survey will not enable a few grasping men to grow rich at the expense of the majority of their fellowcitizens, but it will determine the immense mineral wealth of the State, and aid in its development in a manner that would otherwise be impossible. Every citizen of State is interested in having such a survey made at as early a day as possible, and all the money that is likely to be expended upon it, if it is entrusted to proper hands, will be returned a thousand fold. This is one of the very few really useful projects now before the Legislature, and we are sorry to say that for this very reason it is not likely to receive the consideration it deserves. There are enough intelligent and honest men in the Legislature, however, to appreciate the importance of a geological survey, and they should urge it as strongly as possible, and endeavor to have a

bill passed authorizing it before adjournment. NOTICES.

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